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PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE URGENTLY

FOR DONALD RUMSFELD ONLY FROM DAVID BRUCE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NATO, FR, AVIP (PRESIDENT FORD)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MNE. LUNS' LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF MRS. FORD

1. IF MATTER OF MRS. FORD'S DECLINATION OF LUNCH PROPOSED TO HER BY MRS. LUNS AS HOSTESS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 30 COMES TO YOUR ATTENTION TODAY, HOPE YOU MAY BE INCLINED, IF CONSULTED, TO ADVOCATE REVERSAL OF DECLINATION AND HER ACCEPTANCE.

2. LUNS CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY BELGIAN KING HAD ASKED HIM TO HAVE MRS. LUNS ENTERTAIN SOME OF THE LADIES WHOSE HUSBANDS WILL BE ATTENDING SUMMIT MEETING, AND ESPECIALLY MRS. FORD.

3. WE WERE ADVISED ON WEEKEND BY WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE GROUP THAT MRS. FORD COULD NOT ACCEPT. WHEN LUNS LEARNED OF THIS TODAY, HE ASKED IF I WOULD ATTEMPT TO REOPEN THE MATTER AND SUGGESTED I MENTION IT ALSO TO YOU.

4. IT SEEMS THAT MRS. LUNS CONTEMPLATED HAVING A GROUP OF FOURTEEN TO SIXTEEN WIVES INCLUDING THOSE OF SOME PRIME MINISTERS, AND WOULD ALSO ASK THE QUEEN IN THE EVENT MRS. FORD SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. MY GUESS IS SHE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS ALREADY ASKED CERTAIN OF THEM. IT WOULD BE A RE-LAXED OCCASION WITH NO SPEECHES AND ENTIRELY INFORMAL, AND WOULD BE OVER WITHIN TWO HOURS AT MOST.

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5. IF IT WERE PRACTICABLE FOR HER TO ACCEPT, IT WOULD
BE MUCH APPRECIATED PUBLICLY AND OFFICIALLY HERE.

BEST REGARDS.
BRUCE

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